

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nehez.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following officials were present:

Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Keith Czerr, Jenn Domzalski, Alan Hipps, Renell Noack and Gary Vojtush. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Police Chief John Zolgos, Fire Captain Joe Zemek, Finance Director Tricia Ingrassia and Service Director Harold Walters. Absent from the meeting Engineer Rich Wasosky.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Minutes from September 11, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of approval of the September 11, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes; none were opposed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES:

Mr. Vince Richards, a resident of The Village for 18 years presented a brochure from American National Insurance, his place of work. Mr. Richards commented that The Village would benefit from perks that American National Insurance has to offer. Mr. Vojtush asked Mr. Richards if he could attend the next work session to go over the perks in more detail.

Ms. Donna Kramer, a resident of The Village for 18 years received Mr. Czerr's letter running for Mayor and commented that she is a part of Ward B that Mr. Czerr represents. Ms. Kramer noted that she has never met Mr. Czerr, that she witnessed Mr. Czerr going door to door but he neglected to stop and talk to her. Ms. Kramer inquired about things that were mentioned in Mr. Czerr's letter such as remodeling the parks and pavilions, where does Mr. Czerr plan on getting the money for the parking lot located at Huntington road and asked Mr. Czerr if he has ever approached and gone over any type of budget with The Village's Finance Director, Ms. Ingrassia about beautifying The Village. Ms. Kramer commented that there have been twenty two streets fixed in The Village under the current Mayor Nehez and that his promise to fix the streets is already in process.

Ms. Tracy Wear, a resident of Ward B commented that Mr. Czerr is supposed to be representing The Village on and off the Council bench. Ms. Wear mentioned about Mr. Czerr's YouTube video's, how they are disgraceful to women and The Village's Police Department.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

Mayor Jesse Nehez – Mayor Nehez mentioned that him and Mr. Bryan met up with Zandura Group last week, week of September 16th. The property on top of Kennedy was discussed and Zandura Group plans to attend the next Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Nehez would like to have that meeting set up. Mr. Hipps asked if Zandura Group is submitting October 16th. Mr. Bryan confirmed that Zandura Group is aware of the deadline. Mr. Hipps commented that everyone meet October 16th, 2019 at 7:30.

Finance Director, Tricia Ingrassia – Ms. Ingrassia distributed an amended Super Blanket spreadsheet for review. Ms. Ingrassia mentioned that the far right column demonstrates the updated dollar amount to review/approve. The amended vendors include Ohio Edison, Toshiba Financial Service, Levinson's Uniform and BEI for Land and Building.

Ms. Ingrassia brought up that R.I.T.A. contacted her on September 24, 2019 notifying her that there are approximately 838 administrative subpoenas that have been mailed to the tax payers. Ms. Ingrassia mentioned that these were mailed either for non-filing or some other issue for 2018 income tax filing. Ms. Ingrassia noted that the subpoena meeting will be at Town Hall and will inform everyone once the date has been set.

Engineer, Rich Wasosky – Mr. Wasosky was absent, he will attend the next scheduled council meeting, October 9th, 2019.

Law Director, Brad Bryan – Mr. Bryan mentioned the \$15,000.00 additional money needed for the paving of the Houghton Road project will need a motion for acceptance. A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Hipps. All were in favor of acceptance; none opposed.

Mr. Bryan also noted that the August 2019 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursal needed a motion for acceptance (report attached). A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed.

Mr. Bryan requested a motion from Council to approve the newly hired Michael Ott to have lateral vacation and holiday pay as his previous employment with the Summit County's Sheriff Department. A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief John Zolcus – (report attached)

Chief Zolcus mentioned that a company, his preferred vendor to use for the cameras would like to come in before next council meeting to do a no longer than half hour presentation. Mr. Czerr requested that all three of the potential companies come in for a presentation. Mr. Vojtush suggested a work session. Mr. Hipps asked for apples to apples quotes from all three of the companies. Mr. Magistrelli is going to set up a work session after Chief Zolcus obtains the apples to apples quotes from the potential vendors.

Chief Zolcus provided Ms. Noack with a list of items suggested to sell on Gov Deals as well as a list of items to throw away. (list attached). A motion for acceptance was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed.

Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss – Chief Buss absent. Captain Joe Zemek attended in his place. Captain Zemek stated that Chief Buss would be out of the office until October 2, 2019 although he could be reached by email or phone. If for some reason Chief Buss was unavailable, Chief Zemek mentioned that he can be reached during Chief Buss's absence.

Mayor Nehez asked about the newly installed exhaust system. Captain Zemek replied back that the system is great with no problems so far.

Service Department, Jason Walters—Mr. Walters brought up the Houghton Road 1st phase is near completion. Mr. Walters stated the Service Department still needs to put up two retaining walls for property elevation change (reduced one foot) due to the construction. Mr. Walters commented that Mr. Wasosky has come up with a plan to boulder one of the walls and uni-block the other.

Mr. Walters acknowledged once the 1st phase is complete, Karvo will be working on phase 2 with an anticipated start date of October 2nd. Mr. Walters mentioned that Karvo will grind and mill the road and then paving will take place. Mr. Walters anticipates if Karvo is on track with the start date, the project should take no longer than a few weeks to complete phase 2.

Mr. Walters stated that the Washington storm system is now complete that The Village budgeted for that ended up actually being under budget. He mentioned that this should take of the issues that have occurred and the Service Department will continue to monitor. Mr. Magistrelli commented that he took a drive down Washington during the construction and praised our Service Department & the vendor for their speed and quality. Mr. Magistrelli also stated that he drove down Washington right after the work was complete which it had just rained heavily and the system worked wonderful, no issues.

Mr. Walters commented that the Crack Fill Program has started this week. He anticipates the work to take around 2 weeks to complete.

Ms. Domzalski requested a motion to approve the 1999 leaf machine and the 2008 F350 be sold on Gov Deals. A motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of the motion; none opposed.

Mayor Nehez asked that Mr. Walters comment about what is going on with Smith Park for the residents. Mr. Walters stated that the Service Department is planning on repairing the wood structures. Mr. Walters mentioned that the Service Department is going to blast the equipment with paint until the work session properly budgets to do something else. Mr. Walters stated that Mr. Cheese is currently the vendor because Rhino Lining stated they could not guarantee they could properly fix the playground equipment. Mr. Walters also stressed a concern that when budgeting and planning on replacing the equipment, it is actually a very large current structure and to keep that mind. Mr. Walters is also in the process of talking with playground contractors to assure the newly installed equipment when approved would be appealing for children. Another concern that Mr. Walters mentioned is the Smith Park pavilion soffits. He stated that the birds are up there tearing the soffits apart. Mr. Walters commented that the Service Department will be using T1/11 wood siding which will be sealed and trussed. He made everyone aware that the wood siding will not be treated timber.

Mr. Czerr, still in discussion about the park, asked if The Village can change the grade (grade up) the hill over by his parents house on the side where the fence is by their house. Mr. Walters commented that the Mayor suggested we use splash guard, which they looked into and turns out that splash guard is a costly expense. Mr. Czerr asked about stone and repairing the fence. Mr. Walters said they looked into about 10-11 years ago and just to repair, not replace the fence was approximately \$21K. Which entailed removing the fence, fixing the ground and using the same materials over when put back in place. Ms. Domzalski commented that people don't realize how many projects actually fall under the Service Departments budget. Ms. Domzalski asked that everyone keep that in mind when planning / approving / disapproving anything for the budget concerning the Service Department. Ms. Noack mentioned that Ms. Ingrassia has been asking for a 5 year plan from everyone. Mr. Czerr asked if anyone remembers when the parks

had a more natural playground. Mr. Walters commented back that lawfully, we need to have a safe barrier that separates the park from any residence. Mr. Czerr stated that he would like to be on the committee that discusses the park plans. Mr. Hipps commented that Mr. Czerr is on the committee and has been so far about two years now. Mr. Hipps stated that the committee did however meet up already and they have been in contact with Ohio Forestry, but this will not get approved for the upcoming year, will most likely get budgeted / approved for 2021. Ms. Domzalski agreed and stated that the Service Department catches a lot of heat at budget time. She mentioned how over and over they are reprioritizing for the Service Department budget. Ms. Domzalski asked that everyone come up with a wish list who is interested in upgrading the park equipment and to come with good, researched details so no time is wasted during the meeting. Mr. Hipps asked that everyone who makes a wish list to keep in mind that the wish list(s) need to be affordable wish lists. He also mentioned that Council could look into grant money, etc. to possibly help out with the Villages planning.

REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps: No Report.

Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez – Mayor Nehez noted that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm at Council Chambers. Mayor Nehez mentioned that there will be a lot to discuss as well as an adult Easter egg hunt for next year that needs to be planned.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli – Mr. Magistrelli stated that his committee had their regular Finance meeting tonight. He wanted to thank everyone because they went over 2 ½ months worth of information and everything went smoothly and Ms. Ingrassia had everything in order for them to do so.

Roads/Public Works, Ms. Domzalski – No report.

Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr – Mr. Czerr stated that his committee met this Monday, September 23rd 2019. He spoke with the water company and they stated it would be less resistant if they installed a 2 inch pipe 400 feet down the road on Victory Lane. Mr. Walters commented that the Mayor asked him to look into the project as well and Mr. Wasosky got in touch with an engineer at the water company. Mr. Walters stated that the water company told Mr. Wasosky they will not allow a 2 inch line, only an 8 inch line that would require a water main and align with a fire hydrant. Mr. Walters mentioned that the water main would have to run down the entire road and all of this would have to be budgeted under the sewer fund. Phil Knesiak, a resident of The Village who is having the issue currently (no city water, well water only) stated that he spoke with the water company as well and they noted that it would cost him \$1K/foot of line ran and would have to exceed 60 feet past his house. He said he knew when he purchased the home that it had well water, he cannot afford the project and stated that the city shouldn't pay for it either. He is going to stick with well water.

Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush – No Report.

Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack – No report.

Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps – No report.

LEGISLATION:

2019-64 – An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Summit County Hazard Mitigation (First Reading). Mr. Bryan spoke briefly that this improvement happens every five years for approval. He mentioned that if anyone would like to read more about it they can. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of passing the motion; none opposed.

2019-65 – An Emergency Resolution Amending the Limits of Established Open Blanket Purchase Orders (First Reading). A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Ms. Domzalski. All were in favor of passing the motion; none opposed.

2019-66 – An Emergency Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by Summit County Budget Commission in Authorizing Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the Fiscal Officer (First Reading). Mr. Bryan mentioned that this approval happens every Fall. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Magistrelli and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. All were in favor; none opposed. A motion for passage was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor of passing the motion; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Czerr mentioned how he put flyers out for the residents for his November 2019 campaign. In his letter he stated that he wrote complicity and he meant to say complacency. Mr. Czerr has apologized for using the wrong word in his letter. Mr. Hipps commented that Mr. Czerr really needs to send out another letter apologizing for his misuse of the word since it ended up being offensive what was actually said in Mr. Czerr's letter.

Mayor Nehez mentioned about Mrs. Greenlee passing away and would like to meet with Council to name the pavilion in her family's honor. A motion to approve the pavilion name was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor; none opposed.

Ms. Noack wanted to thank Mr. Chafron, she commented that the plaza looks beautiful. Mayor Nehez reminded everyone that new signs are coming soon.

Ms. Noack asked when the next sewer bills would be going out. Ms. Noack would like to put a letter in with the billing concerning the Veterans Banner Program.

Mr. Walters mentioned that Council has not gotten anywhere with the Commercial end of Sewer Billing in how to bill at the Commercial end of things. Mr. Walters asked that it be set tonight for next Council Meeting to discuss about Commercial Sewer Billing.

Mayor Nehez mentioned that he would like to get the Greenlee family at the next council meeting to present to them the naming of the pavilion. Mr. Vojtush suggested that we get them a plaque and present them the plaque at the pavilion instead of during a Council Meeting. Mayor Nehez agreed. Mr. Vojtush suggested the plaque be bronze and put on the pavilion. Mayor Nehez and Mr. Walters mentioned that the Service Department already placed a boulder there to put the plaque on. Mayor Nehez stated that Gordino is already looking into giving The Village

an estimate for the plaque. Once everything is approved, Mayor Nehez stated that there will be a ceremony to present the plaque to the Greenlee family.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of adjournment; none were opposed. The Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council